

In the Father's House

«As we have been united
in the profession of the faith,
so let us keep ourselves united
in suffrage and intercession».
(Fr. Alberione)



At 2:30 AM today, our brother Disciple, who had been confined at the “Regina degli Apostoli” Hospital in Albano Laziale (Rome) for ten days due to various health complications, has returned to the Father.

BROTHER CELESTINO FEDELE LORETI **77 years of age, 63 of Pauline life, 57 of profession**

Brother Celestino was born in Marcetelli (Province of Rieti) on 12 August 1940 to a hardworking family, a trait he always brought with him. His father, Filippo, was known in the village for his great capacity for mediation, which made him a trustworthy person. On 18 August, six days after Celestino's birth, he was baptized in the parish church of San Venanzio Martire in Marcetelli.

On 20 August 1954, at the age of 14, he entered our Community in Rome. Four years later, on 7 September 1958, his Novitiate began in Ostia (Rome). After his first religious profession on 8 September 1960, he remained Rome. However, after his perpetual profession on 8 September 1965, he left for Alba to work for the magazines. In his new apostolate, he worked as a foreman for rotary press of the Famiglia Cristiana, an assignment he fulfilled with commitment and for which he was deeply appreciated. During this period, he also had the opportunity to concretely help the confreres who, passing through Italy from the mission, sought his help for various typographic needs.

In 1994, he left Alba and returned to Rome where he was assigned in the bookbinding, an apostolate he accomplished with technical competence and generosity for many years. When the bookbinding section was closed, Brother Celestino made himself available for services at the Libreria San Paolo in via Conciliazione, in which he was happy to do good and to help the confreres assigned in the bookstore.

He was noted by his Masters to be a reliable person with good technical skills. He was a simple man in character and in the way of standing before life, was certainly generous and always ready for a joke. Oftentimes, he would say “Leave it as such” which was his way of not letting others be disturbed, even among his friends. It was his way of minimizing problems.

Let us now entrust Brother Celestino to the goodness of God. The words of the Psalm of today's Liturgy help us to express our desire for goodness, our trust in God's love: “Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people; visit us with your saving help.” Together with the Blessed James Alberione and Timoteo Giaccardo, may he now rest in God, he who as Disciple of the Divine Master, followed the example of Brother Andrea Borello in embracing the Pauline life.

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Don Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral will take place on Saturday 10 February at 10.30 am at the Sottocripta of the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli in Rome. His remains will later be buried at the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.

The Circumscription superiors may kindly inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages for the deceased (Cost. 65 e 65.1).